

## \$20,000,000 FUND FOR RECLAMATION

### Taft Announces Recommendations of Army Board.

#### PROJECTS WILL BE PUSHED

President to Send Special Message to Congress Approving Report. Sum Loaned to Reclamation Service for Work to Be Paid Back by Sale of Redeemed Lands.

President Taft yesterday made public the recommendations of the board of army engineers, appointed by him under authority of the act of Congress of June 25 last, to report on the advisability of the continuance or abandonment of reclamation projects in the semi-arid regions of the West.

Under the act the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness for \$20,000,000 to be used on the projects approved by the board. This \$20,000,000 is to be "loaned" to the Reclamation Service and repaid through the sale of the land reclaimed. The whole idea of the issue of certificates was to finally determine the value of all projects under way and concentrate the government's energy upon those that were worth while, cutting down expenditure upon projects that had been begun uselessly or that had been found to be surrounded by almost insurmountable obstacles.

The President will send a special message to Congress as soon as it meets in January approving the report of the engineers and making recommendations in line with their suggestions for the better handling of irrigated land redeemed by the government. It is the intention to have the certificates of indebtedness issued in the near future in order that work upon the projects approved may be pushed as rapidly as possible.

#### Projects and Allotments.

The projects recommended by the engineers and the allotments for each are:

Alt River, Arizona	\$100,000
Yuma, Arizona and California	1,300,000
Grand Valley, California	1,000,000
Imperial Valley, California	1,000,000
Payette-Basin, Idaho	2,000,000
Truckee River, Nevada	1,000,000
North Platte, Nebraska	2,000,000
Missouri River, Nebraska	1,300,000
Rio Grande, New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico	4,500,000
Unalakleet, Oregon	35,000
Klamath, Oregon and California	600,000
Stansbury Valley, Utah	2,200,000
Bumby, Yakima, Washington	1,200,000
Tieton, Yakima, Washington	600,000
Total	\$20,000,000

The board which made these recommendations is composed of the following engineers: Lieut. Col. John Biddle, Lieut. Col. W. C. Langfitt, Maj. William W. Hart, Maj. C. W. Kutz, and Maj. J. D. Burgess—all of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army. Brig. Gen. William L. Marshall, retired, consulting engineer of the Department of Interior, was consulted also by the board.

The board examined fifteen projects aside from those above mentioned, but none of them were included in the recommendation involving the expenditure of the \$20,000,000. These projects were: Orland, Cal.; Garden City, Kans.; Carlisle, N. Mex.; Hondo, N. Mex.; Missouri Pumping, N. Dak.; Belle Fourche, S. Dak.; Shoshone, Wyo.; Mindooka, Idaho; Huntley, Mont.; Sun River, Mont.; Lower Yellowstone, Mont.; Okanogan, Wash.; Wapato, Benton, and Kittitas, all in the Yakima project, Washington. All of these projects, however, except the following are to receive allotments from the general reclamation fund: Orland, Cal.; Carlisle, N. Mex.; Hondo, N. Mex.; Garden City, Kans.; Kittitas, Wapato, and Benton, in the Yakima project, Washington. The others are practically complete, and only enough is required for maintenance and operation.

In a letter to Secretary Ballinger regarding the report, President Taft has this comment: "I hereby approve the report of the board of engineers in respect of the reclamation projects to which have been made allotments from the \$20,000,000 loan; but this approval, so far as the amounts of the allotments are concerned, is not final and absolute, but is intended to be subject to change by adjustment and modification of the amounts, and may be necessary for the intelligent and proper prosecution of the work and to the advantage of the service."

"You are authorized to call upon the Secretary of the Treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness to furnish the funds in accordance with the allotments recommended by the board as approved by me as the same shall be needed from time to time in pursuance of the terms of the act."

#### \$20,000,000 Already Spent.

Aside from its recommendations as to allotments of the loan, the board made several suggestions for the improvement of conditions of construction for the aid of settlers and on other points. Of the men engaged in the work the board spoke highly. The board examined twenty-five projects designed to irrigate 2,500,000 acres of arid or semi-arid land at a cost of \$15,000,000. The general irrigation fund, the report shows, amounts to \$5,000,000, and the amount expended to date about \$9,000,000. According to the figures in the next four years from the sale of public land and repayments, the board estimates at a total of \$28,000,000.

The board recommends that steps be taken as soon as possible to secure an adjudication of water rights where such adjudication has not been made. The water supply in most projects is under State control, and unless there has been special legislation the Reclamation Service has no more rights than a corporation or an individual.

The board heard complaints of the size of farm units, which vary in different projects from ten to forty and eighty acres, but suggests that further experience is necessary before a general change be made. It believes that the government demonstration farms maintained by the Reclamation Service at the expense of the projects on which they are located should be left to the Department of Agriculture.

Ten thousand bushels of blue-stem wheat were sold at Walla Walla, Wash., recently for 75 cents per bushel.

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## DR. COOK.

Doc Cook, who didn't find the pole, has trouble in his gentle soul. Throughout the world he's viewed with scorn; and so he says: "I'll toot my horn, and print a mile or two of rot, explaining that I really thought I'd found the pole, until I woke, and found the whole thing was a joke. I can't endure," says Dr. Cook, "the cold, disgusted, scornful look of those I meet, who whisper 'shame!' and talk about a bunko game, and say I'd prove I had some worth by falling off the weary earth. But when they read my sad appeal, and realize how tough I feel, and know how I regret my breaks, they may forgive my little fakes, and take me to their hearts once more, and save me where my wounds are sore!" If old Doc Cook would stow his jaw, and get a sawbuck and a saw, or buy a plow and hit the soil, and get right down to honest toil, he'd have a better chance to earn the boon for which he seems to yearn. The world will pardon any jay who sheds his coat and works all day; but it grows weary of the skate who's talking early, talking late, who tries to win the love of men with jawbone and with fountain pen.

WALT MASON.

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## FEDERAL TROOPS HEM IN REBELS

### More Soldiers Will Be Hurred to Aid of Navarro.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—San Carlos, fifteen miles from Lajitas, Tex., across the Mexican border, has fallen into the hands of the rebels, according to reliable reports received at both Alpine and Marfa, Tex., today.

Praxedo Guerra, formerly identified with the Flores Magon movement in St. Louis and Los Angeles, is commanding the insurgent forces that captured the train south of Juarez last Thursday, and this is taken to indicate that the Magonistas in the United States have joined the Madristas in Mexico in a common cause against Diaz. Magon was the provisional president and director of the revolution against Mexico three years ago, when the battles of Las Vacas, Palomas, and Cananea were fought.

Six hundred more soldiers are expected in Juarez, opposite El Paso, to-night, according to reports in official circles. These will be sent south as soon as the bridges can be repaired so trains can move to the Mormon colony region again. Some of the troops will guard the track while repairs are being made.

Dispatches direct from Chihuahua to-night at 7 o'clock says no reports have reached there to-day of fighting in the mountains, but reports are prevalent that 3,000 federal troops are drawing in close on the insurgents near Pederiales.

City of Mexico, Dec. 26.—In an interview published to-day the minister of war denies categorically that Gen. Navarro has surrendered to the rebels. He says that Gen. Navarro is awaiting orders and re-enforcements at Pederiales. He has 800 men in good condition.

The government has abandoned the idea of subduing the rebellion with a small force, and is now sending to the affected district all available troops, and operations will be carried on as against an extensive force.

According to a government statement, Col. Cuellar, with 3,000 men, is now going to the assistance of Gen. Navarro. Upon his arrival at Pederiales, battle will be immediately given to the rebels, both at Pederiales and Malpaiso.

## GIFTS OF WEALTHY SCORED BY BERGER

### Socialist Representative-elect Gets Sarcastic.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 26.—The Christmas gifts of Andrew Carnegie to the cause of peace and of Rockefeller to the University of Chicago are savagely and sarcastically scored in a signed statement by Representative-elect Victor L. Berger, the local Socialist leader. He says, in part:

"Carnegie's income is about \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 annually from steel alone. Since he quit business he has taken in about \$20,000,000 in interest and profits as his share. True, he has given away \$10,000,000 of this. This poor Andy had only \$120,000,000 to live on these past years, the principal remaining untouched."

"Now Carnegie stated somewhere that he considered it a disgrace for a man to die rich. But unless Andy gets a hustle on himself I am greatly afraid that he will die a very much disgraced man and leave a billion or more."

"The case of John D. Rockefeller is even more disgraceful, considered from Andy's point of view. His annual income is variously estimated at from \$55,000,000 to \$80,000,000. He has given away in oil and gas about \$10,000,000, as far as is known, and he is always very careful to let everybody know."

"How is he ever to redeem himself at that rate? And if it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven, how can John D. ever escape damnation, in spite of all the churches he is building and the ink-black heathen to whom he is sending lily-white missionaries?"

"No, Rockefeller would also have to take up the suggestion that we made above for Carnegie."

#### OBITUARY.

Mr. Anna Gere Belden.  
New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Anna Gere Belden, widow of Representative James J. Belden, of Syracuse, died this morning in her apartments at the Hotel Manhattan of illness attendant upon advanced age. She was eighty-five years old. Her husband was active in New York State politics. They were married on October 25, 1883. They celebrated their golden wedding seven years ago at the Hotel Manhattan, which Mr. Belden had built and owned. Her husband died at the hotel on the following New Year's Day. Mrs. Belden has since made her home in the hotel, dividing her summers between Syracuse and the Adirondacks.

Lamy Breaks Skating Record.  
Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The world's skating record of 13-5 seconds for the 220-yard dash, which has been held by Le Roy See since 1900, was broken today by Edmund Lamy, who, paced by Walter Johnson, did the furlong in 17-5 seconds. The attempt against the record was made on the Pontiac rink track, which is seven laps to the mile.

## DEFENSE OUTLINED BY MRS. STETSON

### Leader Does Not Recognize Directors at Boston.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the excommunicated leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city, does not recognize the power of mortal mind, such as that possessed by the directors of the mother church of the Christian Science cult in Boston, to terrify the standard bearer of truth and to threaten her with excommunication. She believes that the directors in Boston have as yet shown no sign of understanding of the "divine metaphysics" as taught by Mary Baker G. Eddy, and she does not admit the power to deny her the fruits of her persistent study of the precepts of Mrs. Eddy.

Mrs. Stetson to-day gave the first statement of her position vs. the directors in Boston that she has made since her excommunication over a year ago. In this she sets forth fully her belief in the adequacy of a full understanding of truth to triumph over "the cardinal mind," and she says that the battle between truth and the unreal is inevitable. She also includes this significant statement:

"Great demands have been made upon me by a large body of students from every walk of life, which have forced me to study, which has uncovered to me the subtle and false claims of the workings of the carnal mind, or malicious animal magnetism. While I see this as a false claim, I wrestle with it, and through the power of the Christ consciousness make it unreal."

"I know by spiritual consciousness when I am attacked by malicious mental malpractice in its efforts to destroy my usefulness, to intimidate or discourage me. My defense is in the sword of the spirit—the word of God; the declaration that God is the only power and the only presence; that divine love fills all space; that there is no power or presence opposed to God, nor to man, who reflects Him. Evil in all its forms is powerless to overcome good, and must disappear and leave the field to love, who fills all space. This is the mental defense of a Christian Scientist, and is not malpractice."

## DEPLORES CAR ACCIDENTS.

### Writer Says Company Should Take Precautions.

Editor The Washington Herald:  
I have been thinking of the many accidents to street car passengers in this and other cities, due to the companies' neglect and the companies' willingness to ascribe all to the neglect of the motorist.

The case of Mr. and Mrs. Peabody strongly appeals to me. Had the street railway company given proper direction to its employees, Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, when passing across the opposite track, which they had a right to do after alighting, would not have been run down by the car. An order from the company to its motormen that one car should not pass another car, which passengers are alighting, properly executed, would prevent many accidents. The motormen cannot justly be blamed when passengers are injured under the circumstances as in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Peabody.

When passengers have complied with the companies' rule to "enter by the rear," "pay as you enter," and "leave by the front," it is the fault of the companies are bound to see to it that these passengers shall be protected until safely clear of the companies' tracks.

## INTRUDER AT OIL KING'S HOME

### Revolver Duel with Stranger Who Probably Came to Stay.

### Believed that He Is Demented and Planned to Assassinate Rockefeller.

Cleveland, Dec. 26.—A stranger seeking to make his way to Forest Hill, the summer home of John D. Rockefeller, engaged in a revolver duel with Marshal Stamberger, of East Cleveland, and Keeper Knapp, in charge of the Rockefeller estate, early this evening.

Fully a dozen shots were fired, no one was injured, and the intruder escaped. It is believed that the man was demented and thought to reach the Rockefeller house and assassinate Rockefeller, who, he probably supposed, was still there.

Keeper Knapp challenged the stranger shortly after the latter had gained entrance to the grounds. Knapp got Stamberger and a posse of police and pursued the intruder. The latter was brought to bay near the house, and emptied his revolver at the police, who returned the fire. The man then ran through the stable yard and gained the golf course, where he disappeared.

Extra guards were placed about the house, for fear he might return and either set fire to the house or molest the servants. The Rockefellers have been in the East ever since early in the fall.

Ocean Steamships.  
New York, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Bretagne, from Havre, December 17.  
Arrived: Ambie, at Liverpool.  
Sailed from foreign ports: Campana, from Queenstown.

## FIGHT OVER CARDS MAY PROVE FATAL

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twisted and turned, each holding the other's wrist to prevent the mortal blow, and each trying to free his own knife hand. The struggle carried them near the door, and through it they went, falling down and rolling over each other, until they reached the stairway. Here they arose and poised for an instant, Appito hurling his younger opponent backward and the pair rolling over each other down to the first floor.

They got to their feet again, and, although nearly exhausted, struggled back through the hall to the kitchen, knocking over chairs and tables as they entered the room. Appito, by a dexterous movement, twisted Ambrosia's wrist, and the latter dropped his knife. Then, it is believed, Appito sent the knife home, inflicting the wound which the police expect to result in Ambrosia's arrest.

Wounded Man Draws Gun.  
But the stab was not fatal, and Ambrosia was able to draw his revolver. The men were in a tight clench, but Ambrosia pressed the weapon between himself and his opponent, placed the point at Appito's chest, and pulled the trigger. There was a blinding flash, and Appito staggered back and fell, clapping his hand to his chest.

Policeman Crouch, who had heard the revolver shots while standing at Four-and-a-half and C streets, went to the house and ordered the Italians into the front room on the first floor. Here he kept them cornered while he called a citizen and told him to send for the reserve and the medical aid.

Desk Sgt. Shelby of the Fourth precinct station, received the riot call. A few minutes later Lieut. Flathers was on the way to the scene of the shooting with Policemen Grimes, Cooper, Miller, Stewart, Grim, and Van Horn. When the reserves arrived, they found Policeman Crouch with drawn pistol, standing guard at the door of a room crowded with cowed and frightened laborers. Nine were placed in the room and moved to the station.

Detective Sergeant Oriani, the Italian interpreter, reached the station in a short while and started questioning the prisoners. He did not take Oriani long to learn that the man wanted by the police had left the house before Crouch arrived. Detective Sergeant Springfield and Barber were detailed by Lieut. James Hartley to assist Oriani, and by midnight every policeman on street duty was searching for Ambrosia.

May Be Fatally Wounded.  
When an ambulance reached the house the physician in charge found Appito in the hallway near the kitchen. He was in a serious condition, and a hurry run was made to Emergency Hospital. There the physicians found the Italian was suffering from a mortal wound.

The bullet had entered the middle of the chest, passed through the lungs, and lodged near the back. Efforts to locate the lead were of no avail. The Italian was unconscious when found, and had been through his senses at an early hour this morning.

He is also suffering from a wound on the left wrist. Whether the wound was inflicted with a knife or was cut by the physician, and whether the chest could not be determined by the physician.

## HEART CURRENTS SHOWN IN PHOTOS

### Central Station Installed at Johns Hopkins.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—The heart station, the establishment of which has been contemplated for some time by the trustees of Johns Hopkins Hospital, is now in operation at that institution. The instruments, which were manufactured by Edelmann in Munich, have been installed by Dr. G. S. Bond.

The purpose of the heart station is to determine the condition of a person's heart, as an aid in diagnosing disease. From the heart station, in the basement of the surgical building, wires and a telephone run to each ward in the hospital. The patient is put at rest, one electrode is fastened to his arm and one to the opposite leg, and the current generated by the movement of the heart of the patient is conducted to the wire suspended in the magnetic field, which is deflected according to the amount of current flowing through it.

An arc light is thrown through a condensing microscope upon the moving wire, the shadow from which is thrown through a camera lens, which magnifies it 600 times and throws the shadow through a slit at right angles to the position of the wire upon a screen. Back of the screen is a camera with a rotating lens, which takes a record picture of the movement on the point made by the intersection of the slit with the shadow of the wire.

This picture is compared with pictures of perfect heart currents, and by this method the physicians are often able to determine the nature of the patient's affections.

## \$1,000 DAMAGE BY FLAMES.

### Considerable excitement was caused in the vicinity of Second and E streets southeast, about 10:30 o'clock last night, when Engine No. 8 was called to extinguish flames in a room on the second floor of the house occupied by Henry E. Konrump, at 217 E street southeast.

The fire originated from a defective flue in a gas fixture in the chamber. The damage, fully covered by insurance, amounts to about \$1,000.

Mrs. Alice M. Jordan Buried.  
Mrs. Alice M. Jordan, wife of Charles E. Jordan, a well-known merchant of Haymarket, Va., who died at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Sunday, was buried from her home at Haymarket yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Jordan was sixty-three years old, and is survived by her husband, three daughters, and two sons. One of her sons, Lieut. Jordan, U. S. N., is stationed in New York.

## Prince to Make Retraction.

### Rome, Dec. 26.—Prince Max of Saxony, who is a Jesuit, has arrived here and conferred with the Congregation of the Index Expurgatoris concerning the formalities of the retraction he is to make of his pamphlet in favor of the Oriental against the Latin rite.

Roller Loses to Hackenschmidt.  
Boston, Dec. 26.—George E. Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, defeated Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, in two straight falls in Mechanics' Hall to-night.

Why He Did Not Stop "Salome."  
From the Chicago Tribune.  
We now observe Mayor Seidel, of Milwaukee, not as an exponent of Socialist thought, not as the executive of a fair and neighboring city, not as a statesman, and not as a politician, but as a man.

"Before ordering it stopped I should want to see it."

## AVIATION SCHOOL FOR WASHINGTON

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representatives of foreign governments, many of whom are negotiating for the purchase of American aircraft, is the logical aviation center of the country.

Many Would Learn to Fly.  
In response to announcements sent out by the National Aviation School offering a course of instruction at the National Capital, "the aviation center of America," applications have been received from all parts of the country from people who wish "to take a couple of weeks' vacation" at Washington "to learn to fly."

The National Aviation School will also co-operate with those who are now working toward the establishment in Washington of an aerodynamic laboratory, where scientific tests of air pressures, stresses, thrust of propellers, horsepower of motors, and other investigations can be made under the direction of a mathematical physicist of national reputation. In this work the National Aviation School will probably co-operate with the Institute of Industrial Research, founded by Dr. Allison S. Cushman, who has offered to donate for the location of the laboratory a strip of land bordering on Potomac Park, and near the Bureau of American Republics, where the Institute building will be erected.

Dr. Albert P. Zahn, secretary of the Aero Club of Washington, and a member of the national council of the Aero Club of America, is much interested in the establishment of an aeronautical aviation school near Washington and of an aerodynamic laboratory. Speaking of the National Aviation School, he said: "Your purpose to establish an aviation plant and training school near Washington seems very commendable; and if wisely carried out, ought to succeed, both financially and professionally."

### Demand for Such a School.

"There is a decided demand for an establishment where instruction can be had in aviation, and where experiments with new devices can be made with adequate facilities."

"In addition to this there is need for a permanent exhibit of various types of aircraft and supplies used in their construction, a need which might well be provided for in this community and in such an institution as you propose."

Brig. Gen. Allen, chief signal officer of the army, declared that "your purpose to establish near Washington an aviation ground should receive the serious consideration of all interested in aeronautics. The second essential in promoting aeronautics is a proper field, where the art may be taught, and where inventors may experiment with their machines."

"Aerial navigation has taken hold of the entire civilized world, and your proposal to promote it is, in my opinion, is thoroughly commendable. I can see no reason why the undertaking should not succeed."

Alfred J. Moisant, head of the "International Aviators," will be said, is interested in the National Aviation School, and will furnish it with one or two of the new "Moisant monoplane," which he is now manufacturing in conjunction with his brother, John B. Moisant, who won the States of Liberty Prize of \$10,000 offered by Thomas F. Ryan, during the international meet at Belmont Park.

## Noted Flyers to Exhibit Here.

On their homeward tour, the international aviators, who are now flying in New Orleans, will give an exhibition in Washington, either at College Park or near the river front. Mr. Moisant's project to take an interest in the National Aviation School will be considered at the meeting of the founders of the school at the Union Trust Building to-morrow.

The directors of the school will also consider making an arrangement as instructors with A. L. Welsh, a Washington aviator who holds the American record for distance and duration, won by him at St. Louis, when he remained in the air 3 hours 11 minutes and 35 seconds, and traveled approximately 130 miles. Mr. Welsh, who intends next summer to attempt the cross-continent flight, for which prize money amounting to more than \$100,000 has already been pledged, has had much experience in teaching pupils and is regarded as one of the best instructors in the country. He is a strong advocate of the Wright machine, and it is the only one that he will use. Mr. Welsh made his American record for endurance on the same day as Aviator Hoxsey took up Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

## AVIATOR QUICKLY COMES TO GRIEF

### Starts to Fly Over New York, but Lands in Hospital.

New York, Dec. 26.—Frank Morok, a Belgian, who has made only three flights in a Schneider aeroplane, attempted to win the race track at Guttenberg to Columbus Circle, opposite the Hotel Plaza. He came to grief after going 700 feet. He crashed into Sullivan's roadhouse, at Bergen Line avenue and Thirtieth street, smashed a window, and tumbled to the ground, amid the wreck-tumbled and full of broken bones were age of his machine. The plane was broken, but the aviator was terribly bruised, and he will be in the hospital for several days.

Morok, whose real name is Charles Frank Van Den Merck, announced yesterday that he would fly across the Hudson River, land in front of the Plaza, and then sail down Broadway between the tall buildings. Several thousand persons rubber-necked around Columbus Circle and lower Broadway this afternoon, waiting for him in vain.

One of Morok's three previous flights was over the city of Newark, and it was successful. He believed that he had thoroughly mastered the secrets of aviation because of some years' experience in doing daredevil stunts in the air. He used to be a six-day bicycle racer, and later became a loop-the-loop performer on a wheel.

"He tried in this country and Europe under the name of 'Diavolo.' Afterward he looped the loop in an automobile, and finally worked out a device in which he threw double and triple somersaults in a machine."

## LIVE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26.—CATTLE.—Receipts, 4713 head. Steers were active and 10-15 higher on light supply. Cows were also in good demand and 10 higher. Bulls firm. The yard was cleared.

Ordinary to prime steers sold \$10.00 to \$10.50 per hundred pounds; bulls, 4-7; cows, \$10.00 to \$10.50. Dressed beef in limited demand, city dressed veal, 12-15; country dressed veal, 10-12.

SHEEP.—Receipts, 15 head. Vests were in good demand and full stock of lambs were nominal. Western calves steady, but no prime lambs offered. Common to prime veal sold \$10.00 to \$10.50 per hundred pounds; culls, 2-9; lambs, \$10.00 to \$10.50. Dressed lamb, 12-15; country dressed lamb, 10-12.

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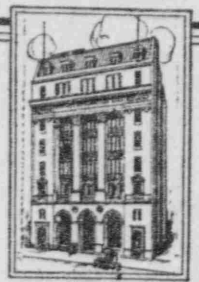
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Key West, Fla., Dec. 26.—The yacht Phra struck the jetties at the entrance to the Northwest channel, seven miles from Key West, while endeavoring to enter this port at 9 o'clock last night.

There was a heavy sea at the time. The boat was owned and commanded by Stuart Bennett, or C. M. S. Bennett, who was accompanied by his wife. It was en route to Havana, having left Fort Myers yesterday morning.

The boat went down instantly after striking the jetties in a very heavy sea. The cabin top floated off, with the three men clinging to it. These men were picked up by a fishing boat on an island four miles from the wreck at 1 p. m. to-day and brought here. They are C. O. Gohering, of Wisconsin; A. J. Vinson, of Cordeiro, Ga., and Matthew Burns, of New York.

They say that Herman Parker, of Atlanta, was a passenger, and that when they were swept away they saw him and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett clinging to the mast. Boats went out to search for survivors, but returned this evening, having found no trace of them, and reported that the yacht was a total wreck.

The rescued passengers brought in to-day are still dazed from the exposure, and can tell little about themselves, except that Mr. Bennett spent the winter in Florida cruising with his wife, and wrote for newspapers and magazines. The home port of the Phra, it is believed, was Richmond, Va.

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